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## THE NUTMEG STATE FIRE.

NO ATTEMPT YET TO SEARCH THE WRECK.

SIX PEOPLE KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED, AND BODIES OF OTHERS THOUGHT TO BE IN THE HULL.

The charred hull of the burned Nutmeg State was viewed by thousands of persons yesterday as it lay upon the beach near East Creek, a mile from Hen Point, on the Sound. At low water it was possible to walk out to the wreck, but at high water the owners of boats in the vicinity charged a dollar or more for taking the curios out to the scene. No one was allowed on board and the curios had to content them selves with being rowed about the ill-fated boat.

The list of dead as far as can be ascertained is:

OFFICER Patrick, first mate, of Boston, burned to death.

JAMES L. COOPER, passenger and night watchman after dinner service.

Edward and Anna Purcell, two sons, two years old, seen to leave their home in No. 27 Stanton-st., a

Palmer and Anna Purcell, who died in forward fore-castle, and James C. Cullen, the deck mate.

Unknown names of crew, who died in forward fore-castle, and James C. Cullen, the deck mate.

Unknown woman, about thirty-five years old, believed to have been a passenger.

Unknown, girl, about three years old, believed to have been a passenger.

It is believed that there are several other bodies in the wreck.

NO SEARCH FOR BODIES YET.

No attempt was made yesterday to reach the bodies which are supposed to be buried beneath the heap of twisted steel and charred wood and freight which fills the hold of the boat. It will require days to sift at the bodies supposed to be in the wreck. The big smokestack has fallen to port and now lies with its base sticking up in the air and its top in the water. It rests against the side of the hull. Around the place where the stack stood on the boat there is a heap of twisted upper works and trim. The fire burned until 9 o'clock on Saturday night, and at times yesterday smoke could be seen rising from the interior, showing that no places at least the fire was still smoldering. These fires, however, must be small ones, for everything is burned down to the water-line and only the coppered side of the hull rises above the water. The copper has melted part way down, owing to the heat. The hull has melted in it and it is certain no fire can be in the lower portion.

Congrat. William Hale, of North Hempstead Long Isl., is in charge of the wreck. He has two assistants. They were placed on board by the Bunker Wrecking Company. Their duties are to see that no one touches the boat and that nothing is stolen. The crowds wanted robes and were not particular what they took. The most desired article seemed to be the copper work which hung off the sides of the boat. This was torn away in strips before the guard was placed. At low water many obtained pieces which had dropped into the sand and no object was made, but when the sides of the boat were attacked the guards drove everyone away. It was said yesterday that during the night some enterprising wreckers on the lookout for profit had secured several hundred pounds of copper and brass from the wreck.

It is on the fence men caused a watch to be kept on the beach for several miles yesterday on the chance that more bodies might be found. None did, however, and up to last night the watchmen had not found any additional victims of the fire. If any are found they will be taken to Port Washington, where the justice who is acting as coroner, will take charge of them.

The two bodies are at the undertakers in Port Washington, and nobody called yesterday to try to identify them. This is thought to indicate that possibly there were more passengers victims of the fire than has been supposed, and that the relatives of the two dead persons are also victims of the fire.

One of the bodies is that of a woman. She appears to be a fisherman and was probably forty-five years old. Her weight was about one hundred and twenty-five pounds. She had fair complexion, was of dark skin with black hair and brown eyes. She wore a black silk waist, which was very tight. Her skirt was of dark cutting goods and under this she wore a jacket and a cloth skirt.

The second body is that of a girl about three years old. She dressed in a calico slip, and apparently this had been worn as a nightdress. The child was probably carried on deck when the alarm was given, and was waiting to dress her, but when she got into the water either from the deck or from the which overturned or was thrown into the water. The bodies were found near Santa Point.

OFFICIALS HAVE LITTLE TO TELL.

The officials of the Bridgeport Steamboat Company had little time to tell yesterday regarding the burning of the Nutmeg State. None of the three missing deckhands, who are believed to be John Conner, Thomas Murphy and Terence Brady, had been found from. There were several inquiries at the company's office by friends of men supposed to have been employed on the steamer, one of these was made by a young colored woman, who said she thought Julius Watson, a young man to whom she was engaged to be married, was head man on the Nutmeg State. Nothing had been heard of him, and the officials did not know whether he had been captured or not.

J. H. Jenkins, president of the company, and Superintendent, yesterday went to the scene of the wreck yesterday morning to see if the hull of the steamer could be saved, or was worth saving. They did not return to this city yesterday.

Mr. McCormick, the general manager of the New York and Boston, thought that he had been captured by the British.

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